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Department of Health Services



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TO: INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL HIV/AIDS
DISEASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

California Department of Health Services (CDHS) would like to receive your input regarding a potential three-year HIV/AIDS Disease Management (DM) Pilot Program. CDHS would like to know the types of services that are not currently readily available for persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and the type of DM model that is the most appropriate for delivery of the DM benefit to people with HIV/AIDS. In addition, CDHS is in the process of identifying the target counties for this program and would like to hear your suggestions. Your feedback is important; therefore, please submit your written comments and/or suggestions to the California Department of Health Services c/o HIV/AIDS Disease Management Pilot Program or via email to DMPilot@dhs.ca.gov by May 19, 2006.

In an effort to test the efficacy of disease management within the fee-for-service (FFS) population as required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14132.27, it is the intent of the CDHS to contract with a Disease Management Organization on a pilot project basis, to provide Medi-Cal disease management services to eligible beneficiaries diagnosed with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in a number of counties within California.

The HIV/AIDS DM Pilot Program will provide eligible individuals with a range of services that enable them to remain in the least restrictive and most homelike environment while receiving the medical care necessary to protect their health and well-being. Services provided will include only those not otherwise available under the state plan, and will include medication management, coordination with a primary care physician, use of evidence-based practice guidelines, supporting adherence to a plan of care, patient education, communication and collaboration among providers, and process and outcome measures.

Eligibility for the HIV/AIDS Disease Management Program will be limited to those persons who are eligible for the Medi-Cal Program as seniors and persons with disabilities (aka aged, blind, and disabled persons) and individuals over 21 years of age who are not enrolled in a Medi-Cal managed care plan, or eligible for the federal

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Medicare Program, and who are determined by CDHS to be at risk of, or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

CDHS recognizes that not all parties are interested in continuing to receive information concerning this Pilot Program. In addition, printing and mailing information to all interested parties on the mailing list is costly to CDHS. Therefore, please be advised that CDHS will only provide information concerning this Pilot Program to interested parties who have provided a Request for Inclusion on Mailing List form (copy attached).

It is incumbent upon any interested party who has not submitted a Request for Inclusion on Mailing List form to monitor the Office of Medi-Cal Procurement website at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/omcp> for information and developments on the HIV/AIDS Disease Management Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Stan Rosenstein

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